

F-4-81
Windswept
Braddock Heights
Private

Ca. 1905

Windswept is a 2-1/2 story frame dwelling built about 1905 on Ridge Road just north of Old National Pike at the crest of the Catoclin Mountain. It has a broad western elevation facing the scenic view toward the Middletown Valley. Probably originally faced with german siding and decorative shingles, the house retains the general outline of a Shingle Style resort house with a projecting gable and paired windows, although the exterior is now covered with asbestos shingles and vinyl siding. A modern one-story extension on the east elevation was added after 1975. A second-story enclosed sleeping porch is located at the southeast corner and a wide veranda extends around the west, south, and east elevations. The house is a fair example of the Shingle Style house better represented in the Braddock Heights Survey District (F-4-8), but it also represents the planning of the Braddock Heights development, because it was at the northernmost extent of the water system of the community, which effectively determined the original boundary of the resort.

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Frederick County

HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization: Piedmont
(Harford, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Howard, Montgomery
Counties, and Baltimore City)

Chronological/Development Period:
Industrial/Urban Dominance, A.D. 1870-1930

Prehistoric/Historic Period Themes:
Architecture, Landscape Architecture and Community Planning

Resource Type:

Category: Building

Historic Environment: Suburban

Historic Function and Use:
Domestic/single dwelling/residence
Domestic/secondary structure/storage shed

Known Design Source: None

Maryland Historical Trust

State Historic Sites Inventory Form

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☒ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Windswept

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 7014 Ridge Road ☐ not for publicationcity, town Braddock Heights ☐ vicinity of congressional district 6th

state Maryland county Frederick

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name John L. and Rebecca M. Griffin

street & number 7014 Ridge Road telephone no.:

city, town Frederick state and zip code MD 21702

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Frederick County Courthouse liber 962

street & number 100 W. Patrick Street folio 415

city, town Frederick state MD 21701

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

Survey No. F-4-81

Condition

☐ excellent
☒ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

CONTRIBUTING RESOURCE COUNT: 2

Windswept is a 2-1/2 story frame dwelling built about 1905 on the west side of Ridge Road about 100 yards north of Old National Pike at the crest of Catoclin Mountain in Braddock Heights, Frederick County, Maryland. The principal elevation faces west toward a scenic view of the Middletown Valley and a one-story veranda extends around three sides of the house. Currently sided with vinyl and asbestos shingles, the building's original siding was probably german or wood shingles. The house has been considerably altered in its exterior finishes, and had been used as a summer retreat by a senior citizens' home for about 20 years from the 1950's to the 1970's, prior to being returned to private residential use. A small frame storage shed north of the house is the only contributing outbuilding, although a second storage shed is also on the property.

The west elevation has an irregular bay arrangement, with a generally four-bay first story and a three-bay second story. The first story is sheltered by the encircling veranda, which has chamfered columns. The first story siding is asbestos shingles, with 9/1 sash flanked by louvred shutters, which appear to be original. The off-center door has 6 panels with the upper three glazed. The second story has vinyl siding and replacement shutters flanking the 9/1 sash. The projecting gable overhangs the second story slightly and the soffits have been covered with aluminum or vinyl. In the center of the vinyl-covered gable are a pair of narrow windows with 6/1 sash. The face of the gable was probably originally covered with decorative shingles. The north elevation features wide, overhanging eaves and irregular bays with varying fenestration, the most notable being a pair of Queen Anne style bordered windows in the first story. The siding on this elevation is vinyl. The porch extends over a small part of the north elevation near the west corner. The south elevation has a full-width continuation of the veranda and irregular bays. The siding is vinyl. On the east elevation, an original sleeping porch with casement windows is located at the second story southeast corner. The first story veranda returns to the rear entrance and a modern one-story extension with vinyl siding and 1/1 sash. This extension and much of the alterations probably occurred during rehabilitation in the mid-1920's. The roof of the entire building is composition, but, like much of the siding, probably replaces wood shingles. The interior of the house was inaccessible for this survey.

Outbuildings: The storage shed is located immediately north of the house. It is a frame building with a gable roof and pressboard siding. The roof is covered in composition. On the south elevation is a four-panel door. At the southeast corner is a vertical board door to a tool shed section in the structure. At least part of this structure may date from the early 1900's, although its interior features were inaccessible for more definite dating. A non-contributing plywood storage shed is located at the extreme southern edge of the property.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates C. 1905

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

Windswept is a fair example of a resort residence of the first decade of the 20th century, although its exterior finishes have been altered. The general form of the house suggests the Shingle Style houses of the Braddock Heights community south of Old National Pike, of which Windswept was the northernmost structure. The house also represents the theme of community planning in that the original Braddock Heights community's boundaries were more or less determined by the extent of the water system centered near the Braddock Heights Park. As an architectural comparison to Windswept, the typical Shingle Style house with an irregular plan, varied wood surface treatments and decorative details such as brackets, returns, and railings is represented by 6811 Maryland Avenue in the Braddock Heights Survey strict (F-4-8). Windswept by contrast has been stripped of its textural details. Built about 1905, apparently by a Baltimore family as its summer home, Windswept was vacant for many years beginning about 1920 and acquired a local reputation as a "haunted house". From 1952 to 1975 it was used by the Frederick Home for the Aged as a summer retreat, having been a bequest of Elizabeth Hall, the last owner in the family which built the house. Since 1975, Windswept has been a private residence.

9. Major Bibliographical References

Survey No. F-4-81

Hooper, Anne B. Braddock Heights: A Glance Backward. Privately published, 1974. P. 59
Land Records of Frederick County

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 1 1/4Quadrangle name Middletown, Md.Quadrangle scale 1:24000

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

Concurrent with Tax Map 66, Parcel 574.

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Janet L. Davis, Historic Sites Surveyor

organization Frederick County Planning & Zoning Dept. date June 1992

street & number 12 E. Church Street telephone 696-2958

city or town Frederick state Md. 21701

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

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CROWNSVILLE, MD 21032-2023
3-1-90

7014 Ridge Rd.

LIBER/FOLIO

GRANTEE

GRANTOR

ORIGINAL TRACTS

COST

DATE

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7 Jan 75, Plat Book
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24 Apr 52Trustees of the
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Elizabeth Hall444/363
3 Sept 20Isabel Hall Whitman
& Elizabeth Hall

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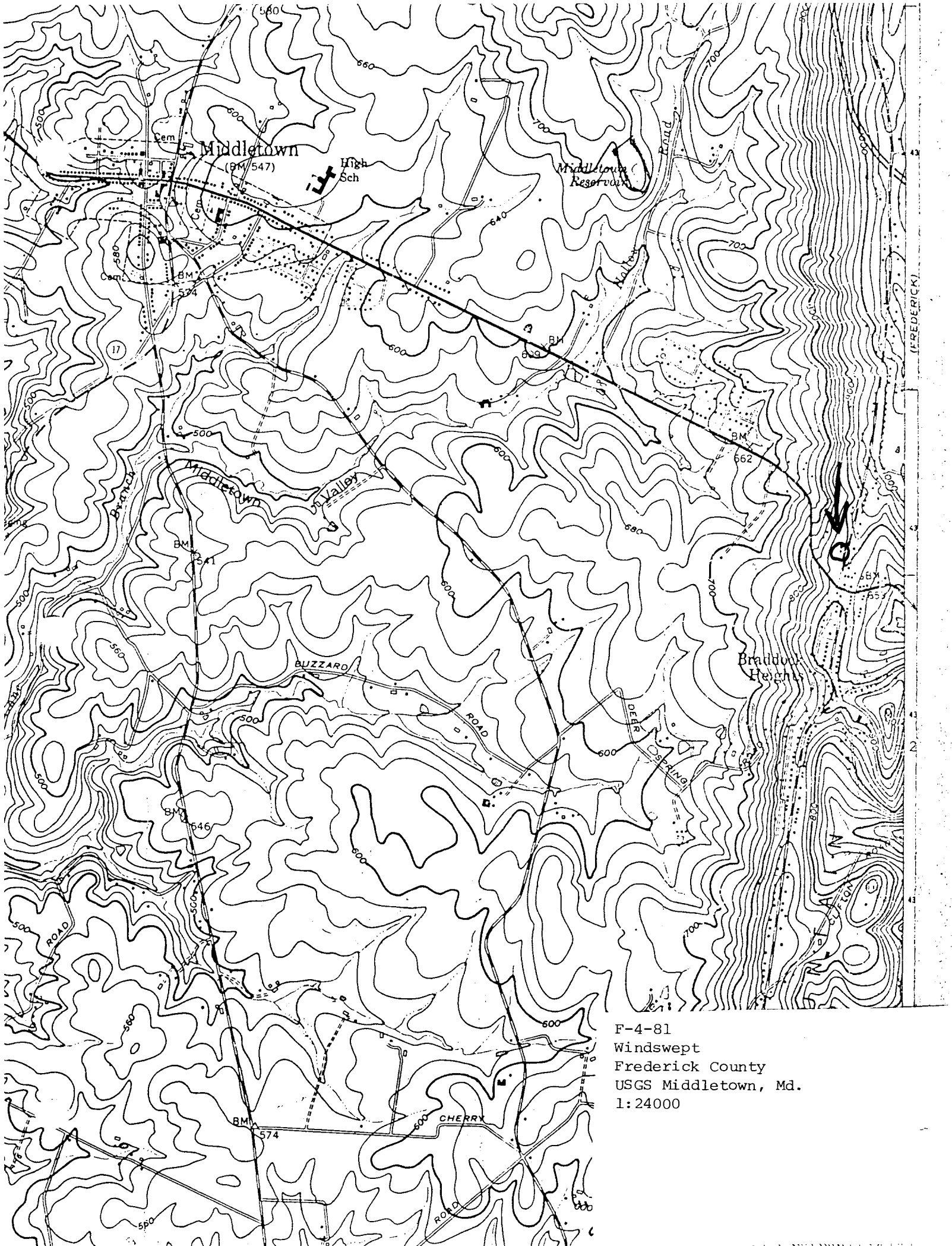
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Neg. 50. : Md. SHPO. Crownsville, Md.

Northwest corner view

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Neg. loc.: Md. SHPO, Crownsville, Md.

South east corner view

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Shed, southeast corner view

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